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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, PINS, MOPS, EG, CD, SU
SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK'S MISSION TO SUDAN

REF: CAIRO 11425

SUMMARY: SUDANESE PRESS REPORTS VISIT OF EGYPTIAN V-P
MUBARAK BUT PROVIDES NO DETAILS. SUDANESE CHIEF OF STAFF
DENIES ANY INTENTION SEND TROOPS TO CHAD. END SUMMARY.

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS EGYPTIAN V-P MUBARAK'S QUICK
WEEKEND TRIP TO KHARTOUM, BUT PROVIDES ESSENTIALLY NO INFO
RE SUBSTANCE HIS DISCUSSIONS HERE. HOWEVER, DURING MEETING
ON OTHER MATTERS JULY 11, DCM ASKED SUDAN PEOPLE'S ARMED
FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF (COS), GENERAL MUHAMAD OSMAN HASHIM
ABOUT CHAD SITUATION. HE REVIEWED REBEL SITUATION IN
TIBESTI, AND HIS INFO WAS ALONG LINES ALREADY REPORTED
BY OTHER POSTS. HE SAID THERE SOME CONCERN OVER REBELS
DESTABLIZING MALLOUM REGIME AND GENERAL HASHIM EXPRESSED
CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS FOR SUDAN IF PRO-LIBYAN REGIME
TOOK POWER IN NDJAMENA. HOWEVER, HE SAID MALLOUM'S

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PROBLEMS WITH REBELS COULD NOT BE SOLVED UNTIL HE SOLVED
INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN CHAD WHICH STEMMED AT LEAST
IN PART FROM HIS FAVORING CERTAIN NON-MUSLIM TRIBES.

2. DCM ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY SUDANESE TROOP
MOVEMENTS IN REACTION TO SITUATION IN CHAD. SUDANESE COS
SAID THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NO MOVEMENTS EITHER WITHIN

SUDAN OR INTO CHAD ITSELF. HE SAID REBELS WERE OVER THOUSAND KILOMETERS AWAY IN NORTHWESTERN CHAD AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT PRESENT ANY THREAT TO SUDAN. MOREOVER, THERE WAS NO RPT NO DESIRE INSERT SUDANESE MILITARY INTO WHAT IS INTERNAL CHAD POLITICAL PROBLEM. HOWEVER, COS INDICATED SUDAN WOULD PROVIDE DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT TO MALLOUM REGIME AND HIS REMARKS SUGGEST THAT SUDANESE WILL ASSIST MALLOUM'S EFFORTS ENLIST SUPPORT OF OTHER DISSIDENTS IN EASTERN CHAD.

3. COS SAID INCIDENT IN AMESTRI (JANEINA) HAD NOTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN CHAD HE ADDIED THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN AMESTRI POLICE POST ATTACK HAVE BEEN EITHER CAPTURED OR KILLED.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER COS PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN V-P MUBARAK, HOWEVER, HIS REMARKS ON CHADIAN SITUATION CONSISTENT WITH SUDANGOV VIEWS. MOREOVER, HIS REMARKS INDICATE EXTREME RELUCTANCE SUDANESE MILITARY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN OPERATIONS OUTSIDE SUDAN AT TIME WHEN ITS MISSION OF DEFENDING COUNTRY ESPECIALLY ALONG LONG ETHIOPIAN FRONTIER FULL OCCUPIES ITS CAPABILITIES. BERGUS

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